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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-56. (cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting from a first computer to a second computer a resource file required for preparation of an advance function presentation (AFP) document data stream wherein said resource file is sent at the same time together with said AFP document data stream from said first computer to said second computer, comprising the steps of:

providing a text file with special instructions for conversion of characters for font mapping by use of a global resource identification (GRID), said text file providing a font mapping table for an AFP font mapping object container; and

with a resource pack computer program selecting the font mapping object container to be used for processing the document data stream and sending the font mapping object container in an application-specific AFP resource file at the same time and together with the document data stream from the first computer to the second computer, said resource pack computer program being settable to first or second modes, wherein for the first mode the font mapping object container is [accepted] passed through unchanged so that no character conversion is implemented by the resource pack computer program for a situation when output devices associated with the second computer use standard character font sets, or for the second mode a character conversion of the document data stream is implemented by the resource pack computer program and at least one corresponding replacement font is assembled and the font mapping object container is emptied after the character conversion.

58. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 57 wherein said global resource identification (GRID) is associated with each font and wherein said GRID is

used at said second computer in order to search through conversion tables to find a code page and a character set that best matches a target output device associated with said second computer.

59. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 57 wherein at said second computer a presentation computer program is provided which reads the document data stream with the associated application specific AFP resource file and implements the following operations depending on a content of the font mapping object container:

if the font mapping object container in the AFP resource file comprises instructions for conversion of said at least one font, [it] the presentation program implements the conversion [or] or

if the font mapping object container in the AFP resource file is empty, then the document data are processed by the presentation program such that no font conversion occurs even though a character conversion may have been implemented by the resource pack computer program in the second mode.

60. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 57 wherein a transmission path between the first and the second computer is unidirectional from the first computer to the second computer.

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